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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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1. PER REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM CROWN  
PRINCE HASSAN TO AMBASSADOR PICKERING:

QUOTE I AM TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ENCLOSING  
A COPY OF A LETTER I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM MONSIEUR  
BLANCHARD, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR  
ORGANIZATION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE AND  
COMMENTS AND APPRECIATE, AS ALWAYS, THE SUPPORT GIVEN  
BY THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION OVER THESE VERY  
SENSITIVE AND VITAL PROBLEMS. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 16 LETTER FROM BLANCHARD  
TO CROWN PRINCE HASSAN:

BEGIN TEXT: YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION WAS EVIDENT  
IN YOUR ADDRESS TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE  
WHICH, AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, AROUSED WIDESPREAD  
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SYMPATHY WITH ITS PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED EFFORTS ON  
BEHALF OF MIGRANT WORKERS, INCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL  
LABOUR COMPENSATORY FACILITY.

THAT COMMITMENT LEADS ME TO HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT  
BE PREPARED TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF THE ILO IN WHAT  
IS, I FEAR, ITS HOUR OF GREATEST NEED.

AT THIS MOMENT THE UNITED STATES, FOR MANY YEARS

A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE ORGANIZATION, IS CONSIDERING A FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO WITHDRAW FROM MEMBERSHIP IN NOVEMBER. IT HAS BEEN LED TO CONTEMPLATE SUCH ACTION ON FOUR MAIN GROUNDS: EROSION OF WORKERS' AND EMPLOYERS' INFLUENCE; AN ALLEGEDLY BIASED CONCERN FOR THE APPLICATION OF STANDARDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS; DISREGARD BY SOME MEMBER STATES OF ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR SUPERVISING THE APPLICATION OF STANDARDS; AND EXCESSIVE INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ISSUES BEYOND THE COMPETENCE OF THE ILO.

WHILE THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE IS IN SOME WAYS UNDERSTANDABLE, IT CAN EQUALLY BE SAID THAT MANY CONTENTIOUS MATTERS ARE INEVITABLY RAISED IN THE ILO BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY WORLD FORUM WHERE MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR HAVE A VOICE.

UNDOUBTEDLY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ILO HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN AS PERFECT AS THEY MIGHT, BUT WE LIVE IN AN IMPERFECT WORLD: INDEED, THE ILO EXISTS TO MAKE IT BETTER. ITS ABILITY TO DO SO WILL BE IMPAIRED, PERHAPS FATALLY, WITHOUT THE STRENGTH AND EXPERIENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

IF YOU SHARE THIS OPINION, MAY I BE SO BOLD AS TO ASK YOU TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES? WITH YOUR WEIGHTY SUPPORT, I AM CONVINCED THAT A POSITIVE RESULT IS STILL POSSIBLE, THAT THE ILO'S UNIVERSALITY WILL BE PRESERVED, AND THAT IT WILL

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BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLES.

I NEED HARDLY ADD THAT CONTINUED EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR HOMELANDS, ON THE LINES YOU HAVE INDICATED, WILL CONTINUE TO BE AMONG THE ILO'S MAIN CONCERNS.

IN VIEW OF THE PRESSING IMPORTANCE OF THIS WHOLE MATTER I AM ENTRUSTING MY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DR. SALIH BURGAN, WITH THE TASK OF DELIVERING THIS LETTER TO YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM. END TEXT.

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